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House Fire Investigation Results in Arrest

FAIRFAX, Va. — At approximately 8:30 pm on December 2, units from the City of Fairfax Fire Department and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department responded to a house fire at 10903 Fairchester Drive in the City of Fairfax.

On arrival, fire was reported in the attic and in a bedroom at the rear of the house. An investigation conducted jointly by the City Fire Marshal and Police Department resulted in a finding that the fire had been intentionally set by a 19-year-old resident of the home. The suspect also allegedly caused additional damage to the home including broken windows and damage to a family member's car in the driveway.

The suspect was transported to the detention center and was charged with arson of an occupied dwelling and with intentionally burning personal property. He was held pending a subsequent bond hearing.

Damage from the fire is estimated at approximately \$250,000. The home was declared uninhabitable due to the fire and three displaced family members were assisted by the American Red Cross in finding temporary lodging at a local hotel. There were no injuries resulting from the fire.

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